

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 7, please delete the paragraph at lines 11-22 and replace it with the following paragraph:

The nanoparticles which can be used in the invention have an average particle size of 1 to 20 nm, preferably 1 to 10 nm, still preferably 1 to 5 nm. Particles greater than 20 nm have an increased melting point to be slow in phase change. The lower limit of the particle size is selected according to the practical performance requirements such as weatherability. It is preferred that the nanoparticles be mono-dispersed particles for securing distinguishability between recorded areas and non-recorded areas. The "mono-dispersed" particles preferably have a particle size distribution with a coefficient of variation of ~~30% or smaller, still preferably 20%~~ or smaller, particularly preferably 10% or less.